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Post will report in the future, as requested in reftel, on corruption. However we would like to call the Department's attention to Maputo 573, "Fighting Corruption or Shadow Boxing," which we sent in mid-May. In this cable Post reported at length on corruption in the government and efforts to counter it. Other reports on corruption that might be of interest include Maputo 668 (June 8) and Maputo 703, "Corruption Report Prompts Intense Media Debate", dated June 13. In May 2005 we sent in a comprehensive report on corruption three months into Guebuza's presidency, which might also be of interest. A USAID-funded assessment of corruption in Mozambique, released in late May 2006, can be viewed at http://maputo.usembassy.gov/.